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Title: UNDERWATER LASER PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND UNDERWATER LASER  
PROCESSING METHOD  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 15, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.